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INDEX FOR CASE: 99-027
LEWISPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
Tariffs

PROPOSED EXTEND LOCAL CALLING SERVICE

IN THE LEWISPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR AN EXTENDED LOCAL
CALLING SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

RE: Case No. 99-027
LEWISPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

I, Stephanie Bell, Secretary of the Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed attested copy of the Commission's Order in the above case was served upon the following by U.S. Mail on March 12, 1999.

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Stephan Bell

Secretary of the Commission

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

LEWISPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY'S)
PROPOSED EXTENDED LOCAL) CASE NO. 99-027
CALLING SERVICE)

O R D E R

On January 15, 1999, Lewisport Telephone Company ("Lewisport") filed revised pages in Section C of its General Subscriber Services tariff. Lewisport seeks approval for the expansion of Extended Local Calling Service and the reduction of the rates. The proposal is an optional, measured rate plan for all classes of business and residential service to allow local calling to the Cloverport, Ensor, Maceo, and Whitesville exchanges of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth").

Lewisport currently concurs in BellSouth's toll rates with the exception of Extended Local Calling Service to Owensboro. The rates proposed to the Owensboro exchange and those exchanges proposed herein for Extended Local Calling Service are as follows: Day calling (8 am – 5 pm) \$.08, Evening calling (5 pm – 11 pm) \$.04, and Night calling (11 pm – 8 am) \$.02. The Night calling rate will apply for holidays and weekends. Under the proposal, rates for basic service will not be changed.

In the past, the Commission has approved expanded calling plans when certain conditions are met. First, the plans must encompass a community of interest and there must be adequate customer demand for the service. Second, the pricing of the service

must produce revenue neutrality and not affect the rest of the general subscribership through revenue shortfalls or excessive profits of the utility.¹

Lewisport provided data demonstrating that communities of interest exist between the affected exchanges. Lewisport's proposed tariff contains rates that are projected to reduce its annual revenues by \$48,746. The Commission has determined that currently a revenue sufficiency exists for Lewisport and the proposed reduction of revenues is appropriate.

Thus, the Commission approves Lewisport's January 15th proposal with an effective date of March 16, 1999. Moreover, the Commission will require Lewisport to file a report on its actual results for the first 12 months following the date of this Order. Following a review of the report, the proposed rates may be modified to achieve the desired revenue results. In addition, the Commission finds that Lewisport should adhere to the guidelines discussed in Case No. 91-250.²

The Commission, having considered Lewisport's proposed tariff and having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. Lewisport's proposed tariff is approved.
2. Lewisport shall gather 12 months of company-specific data as necessary to demonstrate the reasonableness and accuracy of its forecasts for its Optional EAS. Lewisport shall file this information with the Commission by May 31, 2000.

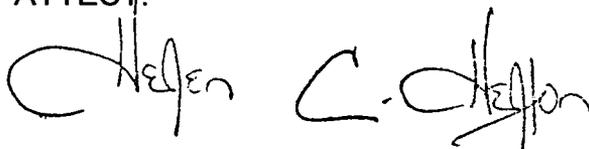
¹ Administrative Case No. 285, An Investigation Into the Economic Feasibility of Providing Local Measured Service Telephone Rates in Kentucky, Order issued October 25, 1990.

² Case No. 91-250, South Central Bell Telephone Company's Proposed Area Calling Service Tariff, Order issued April 9, 1992.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 12th day of March, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Helen C. Coffey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Executive Director



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RE: Case No. 99-027
LEWISPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
(Tariffs) PROPOSED EXTEND LOCAL CALLING SERVICE

On January 15, 1998 the Commission received a filing from Lewisport Telephone Company, Inc. That filing was inadvertently noted on the Commission's Docket as being received on January 1, 1999, when in fact the filing was received on January 15, 1999. This case has since been corrected to reflect the correct received date. Please disregard the acknowledgement letter which was sent to Lewisport Telephone Company on February 25, 1999. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeffrey D. Cline of my staff at (502) 564-3940, Extension 218.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Bell

Stephanie Bell
Secretary of the Commission

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Government and Regulatory Affairs

February 26, 1999

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RE: Case No. 99-027

Dear Ms. Helton:

Enclosed are ten copies of the revenue calculation and narrative describing the expanded calling plan proposed by Lewisport Telephone Company. The Company's existing calling plan includes the Owensboro exchange. The proposed plan will include Cloverport, Ensor, Maceo, and Whitesville, in addition to Owensboro. The revenue calculation details the Company's expected annual revenue reduction after implementation of the proposed calling plan. A narrative is enclosed which briefly describes the Company's service territory and the target exchanges of the proposed plan.

Please call me at 423-671-4750 if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Handley
Manager - Revenue & Earnings

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Lewisport Telephone Company, with headquarters located in Lewisport, Kentucky, is a single exchange providing telephone and associated services to the City of Lewisport and surrounding rural area of northwestern Hancock County. The Lewisport exchange is in northwestern Kentucky bordered by the Ohio River on its north. Lewisport is 10 miles west of Hawesville, Kentucky, the county seat of Hancock County, and 15 miles northeast of Owensboro, Kentucky. The Telephone Company provides service to 1,410 access lines as of 12/31/98.

The Lewisport exchange is bordered on the north by the Ohio River and Kentucky/Indiana state line, on the west by the Owensboro exchange of South Central Bell, on the south by the Ensor exchange of South Central Bell, and on the east by the Hawesville exchange of South Central Bell. Owensboro is the primary community of interest with the largest hospital in the immediate area, shopping malls, three colleges, and several manufacturing facilities. Maceo, Ensor, Cloverport, and Whitesville are communities located in counties adjacent to Hancock County, with the community of interest from Lewisport based on social ties connecting individuals rather than business interest.

Lewisport Telephone Company
 Revenue Effect

25-Feb-99
 Schedule a

Traffic Terminating to Owensboro

Revenue Effect Of ACP "1"		Amount
(a)		(b)
1.	Reduction In Access Revenues (Ln 9)	(\$27,027)
2.	Reduction In Billing & Collecting(Ln 19)	(23,101)
3.	Current Owensboro Revenues on TDS Plan	(43,725)
4.	Terminating Payments	(19,305)
5.	Increase In ACP & LMS Revenues	0
5a.	Payments To TDS/CS (Rating/Message .024/Message)	0
6.	Net Increase (Decrease)	(113,158)
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7.	Access MOU Converted To ACP	482,626
8.	Access Rate (Per Fund St.)	0.0560
9.	Reduction In Access Revenues	27,027
10.	Res. A.L. Subscribing to ACP (Option 1)	N/A
11.	Reduction in Local Rate	N/A
12.	Reduction In Local Rev. (Annualized)	N/A
13.	Bus. A.L. Subscribing to ACP (Option 1)	N/A
14.	Reduction in Local Rate	N/A
15.	Reduction In Local Rev. (Annualized)	N/A \$0
16.	Toll Messages Converted To ACP	10,671
17.	B&C Rate	0.1804
18.	Reduction In B&C Revenues	\$23,101
19.	MOU Converted To ACP 50% Stimulation	965,252
20.	Terminating Rate	0.02
21.	Terminating Payments	\$19,305
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RE: Case No. 99-027
LEWISPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
(Tariffs) PROPOSED EXTEND LOCAL CALLING SERVICE

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of initial application in the above case. The application was date-stamped received January 1, 1999 and has been assigned Case No. 99-027. In all future correspondence or filings in connection with this case, please reference the above case number.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at 502/564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Bell".

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RE: Lewisport Telephone Company, Case No. 99-027, Extended Local Calling Service

Dear Ms. Helton:

Enclosed please find the original and four copies of the following *replacement* tariff pages:

Section C, First Revised Sheet 12-14

The purpose of these replacement tariff pages for Case No. 99-027, is to extend the effective date to March 16, 1999. This new effective date coincides with the March bill cycle and will allow the Company sufficient time to implement the new plan.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at (608) 664-4153.

Sincerely,



Amy E. Clark
Senior Administrator - Tariffs

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LEWISPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY
Kentucky

First Revised Sheet 12
Cancels Original Sheet 12

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE**C.6 EXTENDED LOCAL CALLING SERVICE****C.6.1 General**

Extended Local Calling Service provides one-way, local calling for all customers located in the Lewisport exchange of the Lewisport Telephone Company to South Central Bell's Cloverport, Ensor, Maceo, Owensboro and Whitesville exchanges. This is an optional, measured-rate plan. (C)

C.6.2 Regulations

1. Extended Local Calling Service is provided to all classes of business and residence service.
2. Extended Local Calling Service applies only to direct dialed station-to-station calls. Operator assisted calls and calling card calls are not included in this plan.
3. Paystation Service offered in Section G.1 of this tariff is included in this plan. Payphone Service Providers will be charged the rates as specified in Section C.6.4 for calls, terminating to the Cloverport, Ensor, Maceo, Owensboro and Whitesville exchanges, that are made from payphones located in the Lewisport exchange. (C)
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4. For calls that are made to Call Forwarded lines, the customer pays the appropriate usage rate for the duration of the call from the originating number to the called number. The customer of the Call Forwarding service pays any applicable usage rate from the called number to the terminating location of the call.
5. Calls placed from an off-premises extension of an access line will be billed as if the local calls had been placed from the primary service location.
6. Extended Local Calling Service provides residence and business customers with measured-rate calling based on minutes-of-use. The rates specified in C.6.4. following, will be assessed on each minute or fraction thereof rounded to the next higher minute on all originating calls.
7. The chargeable time will be rate sensitive to each specific rate period. When the call spans two rate periods, both rates will apply.

ISSUED: January 15, 1999

Effective: March 16, 1999

By: Michael A. Pandow, President

LEWISPORT TELEPHONE COMPANY
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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C.6 EXTENDED LOCAL CALLING SERVICE (Continued)

C.6.2 Regulations (Continued)

8. Chargeable time is started when the called party answers or when the caller is connected to automatic answering services, (i.e., automatic answer/record equipment, voice mail, or an answering service). (M)
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9. Chargeable time ends when the calling station "hangs up", thereby releasing the network connection. If the called station "hangs up" but the calling station does not, chargeable time ends when the network connection is released by automatic timing equipment in the telephone network.
10. Chargeable time does not include time lost because of faults or defects in the service.
11. All charges assessed under this plan are in addition to Local Exchange line rates.
12. All per minute rates will be billed in arrears.
13. Time of day discounts will apply as noted in C.6.4. following.
14. Customers will automatically receive message detailed billing.
15. Business customer designation includes Individual, Multiline, Key, PBX, and CENTREX customers.

C.6.3 Exchange Listing

Calls originating in the Lewisport exchange and terminating in the exchanges of Cloverport, Ensor, Maceo, Owensboro and Whitesville will be included as part of this expanded calling plan. (C)

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C.6 EXTENDED LOCAL CALLING SERVICE (Continued)

C.6.4 Rates

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| 1. | The following measured service rates are in addition to the applicable rates for Local Exchange Service as specified in Section C.1 and apply to calls completed to the exchanges listed in Paragraph C.6.3 | (M) |
| 2. | Holidays include Christmas Day (December 25), New Year's Day (January 1), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day. | (M) |
| 3. | <u>Monday thru Friday</u> | (T) |
| | <u>Per Minute Rate</u> | |
| | DAY Calling -
(8:00 a.m. to, but not including 5:00 p.m.) | (R) |
| | \$0.08 | |
| | EVENING Calling -
(5:00 p.m. to, but not including 11:00 p.m.) | (R) |
| | \$0.04 | |
| | NIGHT Calling -
(11:00 p.m. to, but not including 8:00 a.m.) | (R) |
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| 4. | <u>Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays</u> | (T) |
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Case 99-027

RE: Lewisport Telephone Company, Extended Local Calling Service

Dear Ms. Helton: 12100

Enclosed please find the original and four copies of the following tariff pages:

Section C, First Revised Sheet 12-14

The purpose of this tariff filing is to lower the Extended Local Calling Service rates and to add several new routes to the service offering. The new routes include calls originating in the Lewisport exchange of Lewisport Telephone Company and terminating in the Cloverport, Ensor, Maceo and Whitesville exchanges of South Central Bell.

The Company proposes that the new rates and routes become effective on February 16, 1999 to coincide with the February bill cycle. If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at (608) 664-4153.

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